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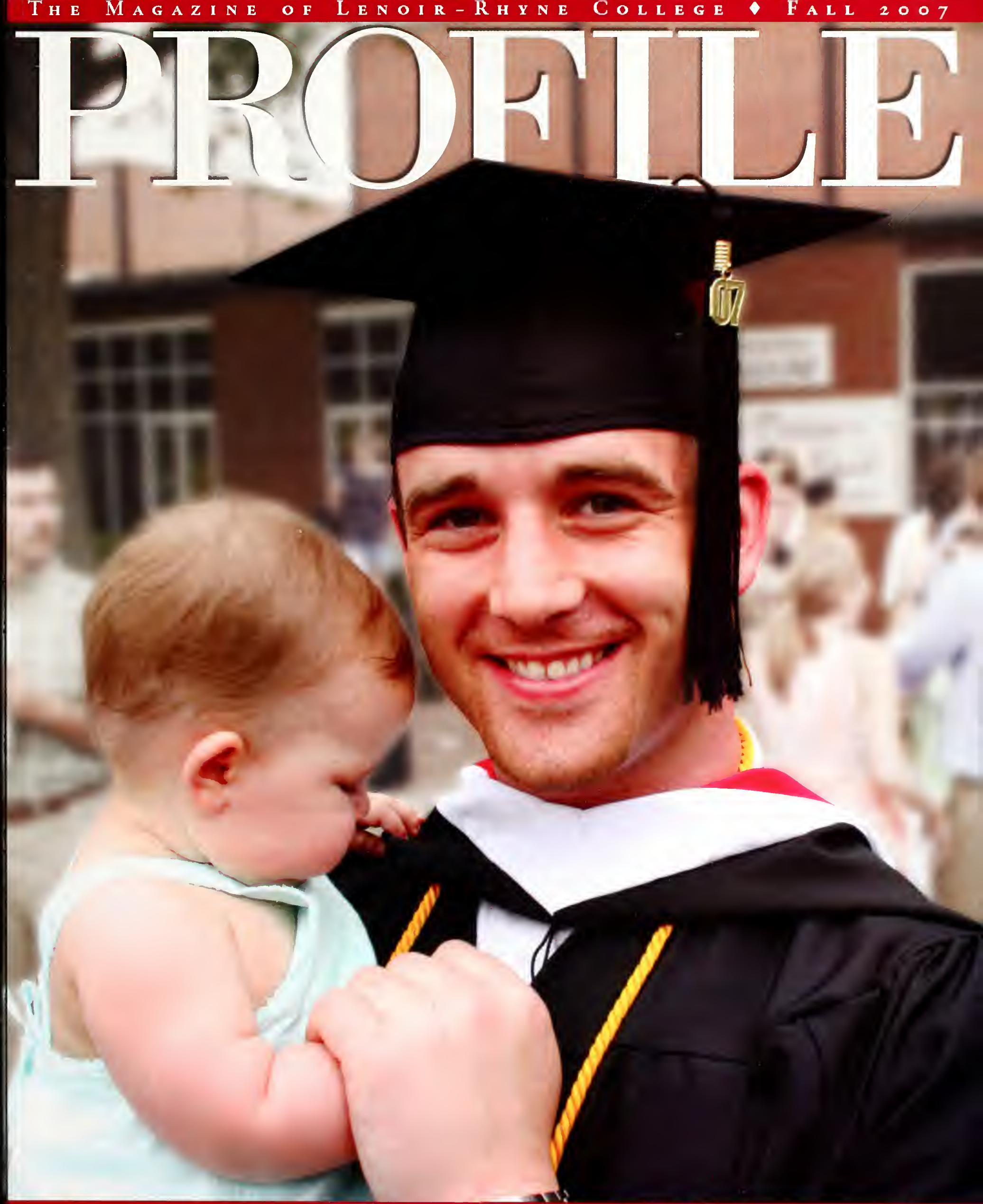

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PERSPECTIVE

This is a good day to be at Lenoir-Rhyne.

I have now been in service to Lenoir-Rhyne College for over seven years, almost five of which have been as president. I constantly remain impressed with the traditions of excellence at the college as well as the universal desire to make us even stronger.

For generations Lenoir-Rhyne has been known for the impact it has on its students and the citizens of this region. The college always has been seen as an institution where students and faculty work closely together to confront the issues of the day. The results of these regular and personal intellectual exchanges are obvious when we see the lives of service and leadership assumed by our graduates. The college is also widely known for its unparalleled partnership with the local community, a relationship that has lasted through the past century as Hickory and Lenoir-Rhyne grew up together.

When you listen to stories from alumni and community leaders about the legacy of Lenoir-Rhyne, you hear about people with names like ***Raymond Strunk*** and ***Clarence Stasavich***. You hear about the joy of learning that emanates from the Lenoir-Rhyne approach to education. When you converse with those who became part of Lenoir-Rhyne decades ago, you find you are talking about a family that has stayed together long beyond the time spent in classes here. The real story is the pride that everyone takes in being a part of Lenoir-Rhyne, and with good reason.

With the great traditions of excellence that we inherited here at Lenoir-Rhyne, there is no better time in the life of the college than today. The college is experiencing regular stability in its budget management, a situation not always realized by other private colleges in today's world. Our enrollment is growing exactly as we planned, at a steady and manageable pace that strengthens all aspects of our experiences. The college endowment has grown dramatically from about $40 million to about $60 million in just four years. Our annual fund participation exceeded the benchmark number of 30 percent for the fourth straight year.

All of the quantitative indicators of success are just the foundation that supports the real story of excellence. The continued success of our business students in Phi Beta Lambda demonstrates our ability to play on the national stage. The A Cappella Choir just returned from its European tour to rave reviews. Like never before, Lenoir-Rhyne is demonstrating its influence on the Hickory region through initiatives like the conservation programs of the Reese Institute and the North Carolina Teaching Fellows sponsored by the School of Education. The Nursing program and the programs of the Human and Community Services major provide critical support to the needs of this region. The strength of our community partnership is at a level not seen for many years.

With the great heritage of this college, there has in fact been no better time to be part of Lenoir-Rhyne than the time in which we live. We hope you will all continue to be part of this experience, that you will visit us often, and that you will take pride in the accomplishments of the extended family that makes up your college. This is a good day to be part of Lenoir-Rhyne.

Sincerely

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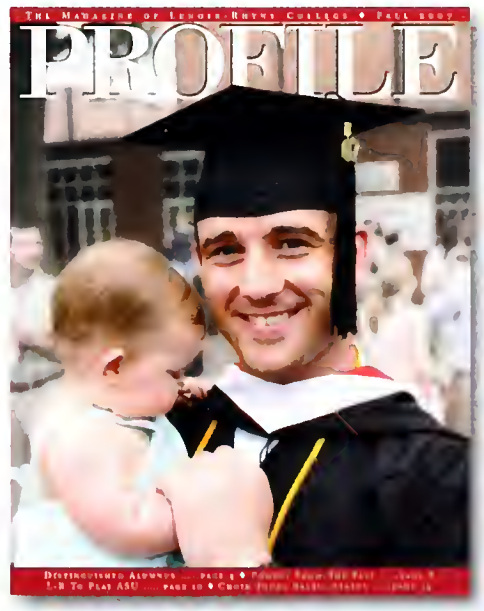
Adam Wilson '07, director of the Lenoir-Rhyne President's Society, holds his daughter, Reagan, after receiving his bachelor's degree in sports management and corporate communications. Adam's wife, *Karen Skipper Wilson '05*, is employed at HBF. *(Photo by Mike Langford '97.)*



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The Lenoir-Rhyne College Mission Statement

In pursuit of the development of the whole person, Lenoir-Rhyne College seeks to liberate mind and spirit, clarify personal faith, foster physical wholeness, build a sense of community, and promote responsible leadership for service in the world.

As an institution of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the College holds the conviction that wholeness of personality, true vocation, and the most useful service to God and the world are best discerned from the perspective of Christian faith.

As a community of learning, the College provides programs of undergraduate, graduate, and continuing study committed to the liberal arts and sciences as a foundation for a wide variety of careers and as guidance for a meaningful life.

Approved by the Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees November 2001.

Dr. David E. Shulenburger '67 **received the Clarence L. Pugh Sr. Distinguished Alumnus Award.**

CHAMPION OF SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

As provost of the University of Kansas, our Distinguished Alumnus fought to make scholarly articles available to all.

As provost of the University of Kansas, ***Dr. David Shulenburger '67***, faced a problem. He was the chief academic officer of the university, supervising the library along with other areas. Unlike other units, the library always had trouble staying within its budget. The problem was caused by the large increases in prices for scholarly journals. The cost of these journals was escalating at 10 percent to 15 percent a year, and had been for many years. The university budget, however, was only increasing by about 3 percent annually. As a result, the library was forced to eliminate subscriptions year after year, reducing the information available to faculty and student researchers. After talking to the provosts at other large, research universities, he found they were facing the same problem.

Shulenburger proposed a solution that was simple and inexpensive. Under the present system, the journals own the copyright on their articles for lengthy periods. He proposed that the journals hold the copyright for 90 days — long enough to present the information first. After that time, he proposed, the articles should be made available at no charge to the community of scholars. He suggested doing this by creating a National Electronic Article Repository (NEAR), an online resource that anyone could access for free.

The free exchange of ideas and information, he reasoned, would encourage research and advance human knowledge. Although NEAR has not yet become a reality, there has been progress. Many journals are making past issues available free online. Some foundations have begun requiring researchers whom they

requiring researchers whom they fund to make their work available without charge. The Association for Research Libraries adopted a resolution in 1999 commending Shulenburger for his advocacy in this area.

Although legislation has been introduced in the Senate to address this problem, it has not yet become law. Shulenburger admits it's a tall order to change the fundamental way scholarly communication works. However, he said, "I like tilting at windmills. In an electronic age, it doesn't cost much to make scholarly research available to everyone."

Shulenburger has spoken worldwide advocating this reform. There is a strong movement in Europe to adopt this idea. Universities and scholars in poor countries are at an even greater disadvantage.

If there were no barriers to the free exchange of research results, it's hard to know how things would be different, he said. However, he pointed out that the discovery of penicillin was published in a scientific journal in 1928. Because this journal was not widely available, the world had to wait until 1938 for penicillin to be developed into a life-saving antibiotic.

For his work in higher education, Shulenburger was named this year's Distinguished Alumnus. The groundwork for his later accomplishments was laid at Lenoir-Rhyne. Shulenburger grew up on a farm outside Salisbury, N.C. His older sister, ***Mary Shulenburger Moretz '64***, was the first family member to go to college. "As a Lutheran, Lenoir-Rhyne was the only college I considered," he said.

Shulenburger graduated with a degree in sociology. However, he was only a few courses short of having degrees in economics and philosophy as well. Faculty members who were influential in his life were ***Professors Dorus Rudisill***, philosophy; ***Wade Hook***, sociology; and ***Bud Brown***, economics. Shulenburger later earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. from the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois. He said he chose to study there because it allowed him to combine his interests in economics and sociology.

After three years at Clemson, he joined the faculty of the University of Kansas in 1974 as assistant professor of business administration. He remained at that university until 2006.

"I enjoy organizing a set of knowledge and really mastering it," he said. "You never really do that until you teach it to someone else. You teach yourself and then you can teach others." He also said he enjoys interacting with students who may come up with different interpretations of the material. "Teaching becomes a process of learning for student and teacher," he said.

His many awards include the Byron T. Shutz Award for Distinguished Teaching on Economic Systems (1982) and the Henry A. Bubb Award for Outstanding Teaching (1984).

At first, he wasn't interested in college administration. "Like most young faculty members, I had considerable disdain for administration," he said. However, the challenge of solving problems eventually changed his mind. "I felt satisfied in administrative work," he said, "because I felt I was able to make a difference."

Shulenburger rose within the administration, and was named provost in 1996. In 2002, he was named provost and executive vice chancellor, becoming the chief academic and operating officer of the university's Lawrence Campus. In 2006, he decided to step down from the very demanding job and resume teaching. However, a new challenge lay ahead.

When news spread that he was stepping down as provost, he was offered a job as academic vice president of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He accepted, and moved to Washington, D.C.

NASULGC represents 215 public research universities. His current project is developing a national data system for universities that will allow parents and prospective students to easily compare information about different institutions. A partner in this venture is the American Association of State Universities and Colleges, which represents 650 public universities. Together the two associations educate about 70 percent of the college students in the United States.

When he is not at work, Shulenburger enjoys spending time with his family. His wife, ***Carol Prentice***, is retired from the University of Kansas. He has three sons. His oldest son, ***Adam***, is an attorney with a large firm in New York City. ***Neal*** is a sports reporter who covers the University of Arkansas for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in Fayetteville. His youngest son, ***Luke***, is working on a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Illinois. In his spare time, Shulenburger enjoys traveling, theater and art. P

Alumni Awards honor service

The annual Alumni Association Awards are all about service: to the community, the college and the alumni association. The Rising Star Award was created to recognize young alumni with outstanding potential. The John and Suannne Roueche Distinguished Alumnus Scholarship honors a rising senior. Following is a list of those who were recognized this year.

The Rev. Dr. Paulwyn Boliek '57 received the Opal L. Moretz Award for Service to the Community.

Bob and Maureen Baggatta Tull received the Opal L. Moretz Award for Service to the College.

Opal L. Moretz Service to the Community Award

The Rev. Dr. Paulwyn Boliek '57, of Augusta, Ga., was recognized for his career-long effort to reach out to the poor and disenfranchised. His first call as a Lutheran pastor was to the Martin Luther Lutheran Church on James Island, S.C. While there, he served on the Governing Board of the South Carolina Commission for Farm Workers, working with families of poor migrant workers. He also served on the Board of Directors for Rural Missions, whose purpose was to bring year-round support for the very poor residing on Johns Island. Examples of his ministry included the establishment of a quilt co-op to help otherwise unemployable women earn money, the establishment of a playground for area children, and a program to transport the poor to medical facilities.

Boliek also served on the board of the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program and was chair of the Mayor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped. After a number of years on the S.C. Synod staff, Boliek returned to the parish ministry at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Augusta, Ga. Under his leadership, the church partnered with Trinity CME Church in an effort to promote racial harmony. His church was also the host site for the Master's Table Soup Kitchen. Boliek was chair of the board for Downtown Cooperative Ministries, a joint effort to feed and clothe the needy. Following his retirement, Boliek continues to serve as co-chair of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Race Relations.

Opal L. Moretz Service to the College Award

Bob and Maureen Baggatta Tull of Lincolnton, N.C., were recognized for their long service to the college's Parents Association, which spans 15 years. During this time, Maureen Tull served as special events chair and was responsible for the planning and execution of L-R Family Weekend. She also helped coordinate the Parents Association volunteers who welcome new students as they move into their residence halls. Bob Tull served on the Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Visitors and assisted the college's advancement efforts. They are also active in their community in Lincoln County, where they received the 2006 Judith Lund Person Hospice Volunteer Award. In addition, Bob Tull volunteers with the Guardian Ad Litem program and was recently recognized as the Rotary Man of the Year in Lincoln County.

The Alumni Awards and what they mean

Each year the Lenoir-Rhyne College Alumni Association chooses to honor several people for their accomplishments and service to others. Here is a brief description of what these awards represent.

The Distinguished Alumnus/a Award is given each year to recognize an alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated great prominence in his or her career field while adhering to the principles of education and Christian character upon which Lenoir-Rhyne was founded. In 2001, the award was renamed in honor of *Clarence L. Pugh Sr. '62*, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to Lenoir-Rhyne College. Pugh served as president of his senior class in 1962. After a few years with Duke Power, he returned to his alma mater, where he served in a variety of advancement positions for 28 years. After retiring, he was once again called to serve Lenoir-Rhyne College as interim vice president for advancement. Although now retired again, he continues to be one of the college's strongest champions. To his many friends and fellow alumni, he epitomizes the spirit of Lenoir-Rhyne.

Opal L. Moretz Service to the Alumni Association Award

John Huss '74 of Hickory retired this year after working for Lenoir-Rhyne for 13 years. He holds a degree in economics from L-R and an MBA from Appalachian State University. He is a former U.S. Army officer, retiring with the rank of major after 20 years of active service. He came to work at his alma mater as director of alumni relations. He was later promoted to director of college relations, overseeing the college's relationship with parents, Lutheran churches, alumni and the general public. Under his leadership, the college increased attendance at alumni reunions and also increased alumni participation in the college's Annual Fund to record levels.

In presenting the award, ***Alumni Association President Warren Danley '53*** said, "John consistently looks for ways to build bridges between L-R and the community, whether through the Alumni Board, or with current students or parents. He feels strongly that positive town-gown relations are key in the promotion and welfare of both L-R and Hickory. Anyone who knows John, whether it be at church or civic groups, knows his love of and belief in his alma mater." Huss is a member of First Baptist Church of Hickory. He and his wife, Penny, have two adult children and two grandchildren.

John Huss '74 (left) receives his award from ***Warren Danley '53***, outgoing president of the Alumni Association. Huss received the Opal L. Moretz Award for Service to the Alumni Association.

The Rising Star Award

Dr. Andrew J. Haputa '96 of Seattle, Wash., is a thoracic surgeon. After graduating from L-R, he attended the University of North Carolina Medical School, where he received the Edwards Hobgood Distinguished Scholarship, the Michiko Kuno Outstanding Research Award and the Merck Award for Outstanding Student Contributions to the Medical School. Following graduation from medical school, Haputa completed a surgery residency at the University of Washington. During his medical training, Haputa was involved in a number of volunteer and professional activities, including service on the National Executive Council of the Association of Native American Medical Students.

Dr. Andrew J. Haputa '96 stands between two of his former professors, ***Dr. Karen McDougal*** (left) and ***Dr. Marsha Fanning*** (right). Haputa received the Rising Star Award.

The John and Suanne Roueche Distinguished Alumnus Scholarship

Laura A. Horsley '08 is an athletic training major from Aiken, S.C. She is president of Zeta Tau Alpha and has previously served as president of the Panhellenic Council. She is also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and PAWS (Physical Activity and Wellness Sports Club). Following graduation, she plans to attend graduate school. This scholarship is given annually in honor of the Distinguished Alumna/us and is awarded to a rising senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and involvement in campus life. Funding is provided by ***Drs. John '60*** and ***Suanne Roueche***. Dr. John Roueche was the 2000 Distinguished Alumnus award recipient.

Laura A. Horsley '08 received the Distinguished Alumnus Scholarship.

The Opal L. Moretz Alumni Service Awards are given in memory of *Opal Ledford Moretz '65*, former L-R dean of students and volunteer director of church relations. Her many years at Lenoir-Rhyne were a model of Christian service to others. The three awards given in her memory recognize significant acts of service to the community, the college and the alumni association.

The Rising Star Award was created by the Alumni Association in 2000 to recognize outstanding achievement and potential by young alumni.

Among these awards, the Service to College award is unique in that it is the only award given by the Alumni Association that does not require the recipient to be a Lenoir-Rhyne alum.

If you know of someone who is deserving of one of these awards, we would like to hear from you. You may submit a nomination in any of these categories. You do not need to know every detail about someone's life to nominate that person. Simply contact *Nikki Hayes '94*, director of alumni and parent relations, at 828-328-7080 or hayesn@lrc.edu to suggest a nominee. We will take it from there.

SCENES FROM BYGONE DAYS

Professor Edwin Setzler captured campus scenes shortly before World War II

Professor Edwin Setzler **worked at Lenoir-Rhyne College from 1925 to 1971. In those days, employees had to wear many hats. During his tenure, he was professor of English, dean and registrar.**

During most of his tenure, he and his family lived on campus, first in a small apartment in Highland Hall and later in an apartment in the Russell House. In the late 1930s and early 1940s, he took up photography as a hobby, taking photos around campus and in the Hickory area. He developed his photos in a small darkroom in Russell House.

Recently, family members discovered several coffee cans full of his negatives. Fortunately, his wife had kept a log of the photographs, describing where and when each one was taken.

John Setzler '64, **his son, who has worked as a professional photographer in the area, copied these negatives, which were taken between 1937 and 1941. He explained that his father's hobby was brought to an end with the outbreak of World War II, when film was difficult to obtain. After the war, Professor Setzler took a few family snapshots, but he never again pursued photography with as much passion. Thanks to the Setzler family, we have these rare glimpses into life at Lenoir-Rhyne immediately before World War II.**

This photo was taken at a 1938 football practice.

This 1939 shot shows the action during a basketball game in the former Cline Gym.

This 1940 photo shows the exterior of the former Cline Gym.

This is a 1938 photo of ***Pat Shores***, who coached Lenoir-Rhyne football and baseball from 1932 to 1942.

This 1938 photo shows the former Yoder Science Building (left) and the Rhyne Building.

Above left: This 1940 parade in downtown Hickory was held before the Appalachian State football game.

Above right: This wagon was an entry in the parade held in 1940 before the football game with Appalachian State. In those days, the two colleges were rivals who often played each other.

Bottom left: This Thanksgiving Parade photo from 1937 shows a "junior" entry for the junior class.

Dr. Larry Hall is new executive vice president

Lenoir-Rhyne College has selected ***Dr. Larry Hall*** as executive vice president and dean of the college. He assumed his new post on June 1. The executive vice president is the second ranking official at the college and is specifically in charge of providing leadership to the academic programs and their integration with enrollment management.

Hall came to Lenoir-Rhyne from Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., where he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of political science. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. He received a master's degree and a doctorate in political science from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Hall completed additional graduate work in economics at George Mason University.

"Lenoir-Rhyne is very fortunate to have been able to attract a distinguished administrator such as Dr. Hall to this leadership position," said ***Dr. Wayne Powell,*** president of the college. "He has a proven track record of success in leading a faculty that values the liberal arts as well as reaching out to the community to provide programs that are needed in the region. Dr. Hall will be able to lead the academic components of Lenoir-Rhyne to the next level of excellence."

Hall had been a member of the Belmont University faculty since 1990, when he joined the Department of History and Political Science as assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1995 and to professor in 2001. He also held a number of administrative positions at the university, serving as acting chair of his department from 1996 to 1997 and then as chair of the department from 1997 to 1999.

In 1999, he was promoted to associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the School of Social Sciences. In 2001, he was promoted to dean. He won the Chaney Distinguished Professor Award in 2001. Hall is married to ***Dr. Amy Sturgis***, a professor of liberal studies whose scholarly interests include American history, Native American issues and author J.R.R. Tolkein.

Lenoir-Rhyne, ASU football game slated

Lenoir-Rhyne's football team will play the two-time reigning national champion Appalachian State as its home opener on Sept. 8 in Kidd Brewer Stadium in Boone, NC. Kickoff time is 3:30 p.m. The following ticket packages are available through the Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club.

- Individual tickets in sections 8, 9, 11 and 12 are available for $50 each. Individual tickets in sections 6A, 13 and 7 are $20 each.
- A Reserved Parking Package costs $200. It includes one reserved parking pass in the PEF reserved parking lot and four tickets. Additional tickets in this section may be purchased for $50 each.
- Tickets to ride on a PEF-chartered bus are $15 per person. Buses will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and the bus must be at capacity to make the trip. Buses will leave the Lenoir-Rhyne College parking lot at 1 p.m. on game day.
- Corporate Packages are also being offered for $500 each. This package includes 10 reserved seating tickets and a listing in the Lenoir-Rhyne College home football game day programs. Additional tickets in this section may be purchased for $50 each.
- Elite 8 Packages are being offered for $4,000 each. This package includes one premium parking pass behind the reserved seats in the visitor section, plus four reserved tickets, plus your logo in Lenoir-Rhyne College home football game day programs. Additional tickets in this section may be purchased for $50 each.
- Hotel reservations must be made separately. Proceeds from all ticket sales will support the Lenoir-Rhyne College Football Program. For more information, contact *Cindy Moser* at 828-328-7130 or moserc@lrc.edu.

L-R to face Carolina in basketball

The Lenoir-Rhyne Bears will face off against the University of North Carolina Tar Heels in an exhibition basketball game at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill. For ticket information, contact *Cindy Moser* at 828-328-7130 or moserc@lrc.edu.

L-R golfer in Super Regional

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore *Kent George* finished tied for 29th overall at the NCAA Division II Atlantic/Southeast Men's Golf Super Regionals held at the Savannah Quarters Country Club in Pooler, Ga.

George, a native of Granite Falls, N.C., shot a 242 (+26) on the par-72, 7,066-yard course. Lander's Jake Amos (223, +7) took home individual honors while Columbus State won the three-day, 54-hole tournament with a 900 (+36). George was playing as an individual qualifier.

L-R hires director of tennis

Bobby McKee, two-time National Coach of the Year and nine-time South Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year, has been named tennis director at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

McKee comes to L-R from Presbyterian College of Clinton, S.C., where he has served as a tennis coach since 1981.

"Lenoir-Rhyne is indeed fortunate to have attracted one of the great tennis coaches in America," said ***Neill McGeachy '65***, Lenoir-Rhyne's athletic director, in announcing the appointment. "Under Coach McKee's tutelage, Presbyterian College has become the gold standard for the SAC and the NCAA Division II."

In addition to serving as tennis director, McKee will serve as head coach for both the men's and women's tennis teams. Both men's and women's tennis were discontinued following the 1998 season. Women's tennis returned to L-R in 2005. Men's tennis will return next year.

McKee is a 1980 graduate of Presbyterian College, where he was an All American tennis player. He coached the men's tennis team at PC from 1984 to 2000 and has a 16-year record of 233-129 (.644). During his tenure, the Blue Hose men's tennis program posted winning records in 13 of 16 seasons. He was named SAC Men's Coach of the Year four times (1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999).

He is currently in his eighth consecutive season as head coach of the women's tennis program. He previously coached the women's team from 1981 to 1985. He has a 13-year record coaching women's tennis of 206-73 (.738).

McKee was named NAIA National Men's Tennis Coach of the Year in 1987 and was named ITA/Wilson National Men's Tennis Coach of the Year in 1992.

He has served as a member of the NCAA Men's and Women's National Tournament Committee and the NAIA Men's National Tournament Committee. He also served as national chair of the ITA/NAIA National Ranking Committee and chair of the ITA/NCAA Southeast Region Committee.

McKee's teams have been ranked in the top 25 nationally for 21 of his 26 years as coach. They have participated in the NAIA and NCAA National Championships for 22 years, including 12 straight NCAA postseason appearances. Nine of his women's players and 10 of his men's players have attained All American status.

He and his wife, the former ***Janet Stoddard***, have two children, ***Erin***, 12, and ***Caitlin***, 10.

Women's Swimming added at L-R

Women's swimming has been added as a new intercollegiate sport at Lenoir-Rhyne College and *Paul Schiffel* has been named head coach of the first Women's Swimming Team.

Schiffel formerly served as the owner and coach of the Catawba Valley Aquatics Club and was the head coach of the Men's and Women's Swimming Teams at St. Stephens High School since 1992.

"Lenoir-Rhyne provides an opportunity for me to fulfill a long-time goal and dream to coach swimming at the collegiate level," said Schiffel. "L-R's facilities are very impressive for creating a women's program. They are some of the better facilities for an NCAA Division II school in this part of the country.

"I believe this program can reach high levels, not only locally, but on a national level as well. Lenoir-Rhyne can draw exceptional athletes to compete in swimming."

Schiffel also served as the head coach of the Hickory Seahorse Swim Team (1978-84 and 1986-89) and coached a swimmer who later became a two-time NCAA Division II All-American (2000 and 2002).

"We are extremely fortunate to have as our new head coach of Women's Swimming a man of Paul's caliber," said *Neill McGeachy '65*, L-R athletic director. "This is the first Women's Swimming coach in the 116 years of Lenoir-Rhyne College and we started at the top."

Schiffel holds a bachelor's and master's degree in health and physical education from East Carolina University. A member of the East Carolina Men's Swimming Team, he earned Team MVP honors as a junior and served as an assistant coach for the Pirates from 1975 to 1978.

Catcher on All-South 2nd Team

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore catcher *Dallas Tarleton* was named to the 2007 NCAA Division II ABCA/Rawlings All-South Region Second Team.

Tarleton, a native of Monroe, N.C., finished third on the team in batting this year with a .347 average to go along with five home runs and 36 runs batted in. The Piedmont High School graduate was also selected to the All-South Atlantic Conference First Team last month. The American Baseball Coaches Association sponsors the all-region squad.

This year, the L-R Softball Team was 2007 South Atlantic Conference Regular Season and Food Lion SAC Tournament Champions. First Row (from left): *Assistant Coach Vicki Perry*, *Head Coach Shena Hollar*, *Lindsay Dehart*, *Meredith O'Connor*, *Brittany Cherry*, *Karie Pushard*, *Casey Hanes*, *Brooke Starnes*. Second Row: *Jessica Luper*, *Michelle Smith*, *Megan Hull*, *Amanda Stewart*, *Erin Gier*, *Lauren Johnson*, *Taylor Queen*, *Jordan Ledford*, *Leah Krohn* and student assistant *Patrick Capers*.

Softball player honored

Lenoir-Rhyne junior ***Meredith O'Connor*** was named to the Daktronics, Inc., NCAA Division II Softball All-American Third Team. O'Connor, a native of Charlotte, N.C., finished the 2007 season with a 24-3 record and a 1.05 earned run average to go along with a South Atlantic Conference-record 319 strikeouts.

O'Connor was also named the 2007 SAC Pitcher Of The Year and the Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player. The Myers Park High School graduate is 43-6 in two seasons with Lenoir-Rhyne and led the Bears to the SAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships this year. L-R also finished 48-10 in 2007 and has qualified for the NCAA Division II Playoffs the past two seasons.

Goldsmith honored by alma mater

Fred Goldsmith, Lenoir-Rhyne's new head football coach, was recently inducted into the College of Health and Human Performance Alumni Hall of Fame at his alma mater, the University of Florida.

He has received many awards throughout his career, including ACC Coach of the Year in 1994, Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year in 1994, Hall of Fame Bowl in 1995, Sports Illustrated Coach of the Year in 1992, Exxon SWC Coach of the Year in 1991 and the Air Force Academy's first Commander-in-Chief Trophy in 1982. His career has included serving as head football coach for Rice University and Duke University. This will be his first season at Lenoir-Rhyne.

Business honor society inducts 11

Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration, inducted 11 new members at Lenoir-Rhyne College this spring.

To be eligible for membership, undergraduate students must have completed at least 21 hours in Lenoir-Rhyne's Snipes School of Business, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better, be in the top 20 percent of their class and be in good standing.

Graduate students must have completed at least half the requirements for the graduate degree, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better, be in the top 20 percent of their second-year class and be in good standing.

Above left: Lenoir-Rhyne College undergraduates inducted into Delta Mu Delta business honor society are as follows. On the back row (left to right) are *Walter Himes*, *Abigail Lanning* and *Amanda Greer*. On the front row are *Maryanne Hemphill*, *Ashley Credle* and *Ashley Barker*. Not pictured is *David Blubaugh*.

Above right: L-R graduate students inductees into the business honor society Delta Mu Delta are (left to right): *Brandon Greene*, *Steven Colby* and *Francois Barbeau*.

Bottom left: *Mike Dugan*, Alex Lee Professor of Business, was inducted.

Come before his presence with singing

Faculty member writes compositions for hymnals; A Cappella Choir records CD

Compositions by ***the Rev. Dr. Paul Weber***, associate professor of church music at Lenoir-Rhyne College, are featured in new hymnals by the two major Lutheran denominations in the United States.

"Evangelical Lutheran Worship," used by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, uses Weber's music for "All Who Love and Serve Your City" and as one setting of "Holy, Holy, Holy." He also contributed an arrangement in the accompanist version of the hymnal for "We All Believe in One True God."

The college's Sacred Music Program was selected to record a CD of 22 hymns from the ELCA book. The Lenoir-Rhyne CD is entitled "Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Hymns Audio CD-Volume 2."

"It is a great honor to be asked to produce this recording for church-wide use," Weber said. The academic year 2006-2007 marked the 10th anniversary of the Lenoir-Rhyne Sacred Music Program, which he leads.

The vocalists on the recording are the college's A Cappella Choir, directed by Weber, and the Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus, directed by Florence Jowers. Weber served as producer for the CD. Several L-R alumni are also featured as instrumentalists.

"Evangelical Lutheran Worship" and the CD may be purchased online at www.augsburgfortress.org or at Augsburg Fortress bookstores.

Weber's compositions that appear in the Missouri Synod hymnal, "Lutheran Service Book," are "The Royal Banners Forward Go" and a musical setting for "Lamb of God," a part of the church's liturgy. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod hymnal is published by Concordia Publishing House and is available at www.cph.org. P

Dr. Frances Crocker **(left), assistant professor of education, attended the National Educational Computing Conference in June with two of her students, *Candace Reese* of Taylorsville and *Amanda Hajnos* of Greensboro. The students gave a presentation based on Project Create a Smile, a technology project they developed with teachers and students at Claremont Elementary.**

Lenoir-Rhyne College joined the nation in sending prayers and condolences to those who suffered as a result of the mass shooting at Virginia Tech on April 16. A chapel service, previously planned to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Sacred Music Program, included special prayers for those affected at Virginia Tech. A candlelight vigil was also held for the victims. Students put their condolences in writing, filling several posters, which were sent to Virginia Tech. The Lenoir-Rhyne community was encouraged to wear the Hokie colors of maroon and orange on April 20 as part of a national expression of sympathy. This photo was taken that day.

Choir tours Baltic States

Students share residents' joy in the long-repressed Gospel.

By Stephen Friedrich '07

Editor's note: The A Cappella Choir, directed by Dr. Paul Weber, toured the Baltic States for two weeks in May 2007. The following article was written by Stephen Friedrich '07 of Knoxville, Tenn., who traveled with the choir, took photographs and wrote a daily blog. He earned a degree in theology and philosophy from Lenoir-Rhyne this spring. In the fall, he will begin studying for a master of divinity degree at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He plans to enter the ordained ministry of word and sacrament.

The A Cappella Choir performs in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Vilnius, Lithuania. The choir sang for an early service conducted in English and a later service conducted in Lithuanian. Only since breaking away from the Soviet Union have the residents of this area been able to worship freely.

As the reverberations of the final verse fade, one is left with this sense of God's presence that is overwhelming. Emptied of sound, what remains in the silence of the nave save the still, small voice? This unique feeling of having been bathed in the very word of God washed over me throughout this tour.

Continually the sound rose and fell in powerful ways, reaching deep into the soul as God had his way with each and every person: those singing and those listening, Americans and Europeans.

The A Cappella Choir, directed by *Dr. Paul Weber*, traveled to the Baltic States in May of 2007 for two weeks, giving concerts integrated with educational opportunities and cultural immersion in Russia, Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania. The choir gave 12 scheduled and unscheduled concerts featuring pieces in English, Estonian, German, Latin and Swahili.

Much can be said of the memories shared, songs sung, tours taken, friends made, and experiences gained. Looking back on the trip, I find that in many respects it was, even if we did not realize it at the time, a pilgrimage, as we walked the paths of the faithful in this corner of the world. This was a tour of faith experienced through our feet as we traveled, our eyes as we saw the witness, our ears as we heard the stories of the people. Most significantly, the tour was enacted by the choir as their presence and voice gave expression to the long-persecuted gospel.

Significant highlights of the pilgrimage stretch the length of the tour. We sang in soaring cathedrals and simple churches. In Poltsamma, Estonia, one church was part of a castle; another in St. Petersburg, Russia, was once a swimming pool. In the little town of Iisaku, Estonia, we found and sang in the home church of *Helgi Shuford '61*, who fled the Soviets, eventually ending up at Lenoir-Rhyne.

We met the people in these places, coming face to face with those who truly know what it is to depend totally upon the grace of our merciful God. We met these people at concerts, but more significantly we worshiped alongside them as Christians. These people have a deep faith that is strong as it emerges from a persecuted past.

Their struggle was evident in many ways, as the people would always mouth the words to the Sanctus along with the choir. As the choir sang in the people's native Estonian language, the Estonians wept for joy as together we bore witness to our God in a song that had been repressed for so long. It was truly beautiful.

Perhaps the tour was most significant in that it gave the students a break from their academics following the semester, allowing them to be open to what God is doing in their lives. In the midst of the ever-present hilarity and genuine enjoyment of the choir, the concerts were approached with a sense of mission to communicate the Gospel, which permeated every member, unifying them as one every time they took to the risers.

Many will recall the tour for years to come, with fond memories and remarks of God's activity in and amongst us. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God almighty, to whom alone belongs the glory now and forever, Amen.

For a full recounting of the trip, check out the choir's blog, which can be accessed through the music home page: www.lrc.edu/mus. P

College names four to Board of Visitors

Lenoir-Rhyne College recently named four new members to its Board of Visitors. They are *Jeffrey L. Cook '77* of Lenoir; *Carolyn Eleazer Hoffner '64* of Tybee Island, Ga.; *Dewyone "Pedie" King '96* of Hickory; and *Jeffrey Louis Neuville* of Hickory.

Jeffrey Cook is president of Broyhill Furniture Industries Inc. He began working in the furniture industry as an errand boy for Brookwood Furniture Co. He worked his way up in the industry, holding a variety of positions with Carolina Chair Co. He joined Design Horizons, a division of Lea Industries, as senior vice president of sales and marketing. He was then promoted to general manager of Design Horizons and later to executive vice president of sales and marketing at Lea Industries. Cook later served as vice president of sales and marketing for Sumter Cabinet Co. and as president and chief executive officer for Magnussen Home Furnishings. He was named president of Broyhill Furniture Industries in June of 2007.

Cook is a former member of Lenoir-Rhyne's basketball team. He previously served as vice president of the L-R Alumni Association. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club of Lenoir-Rhyne. He is also a member of the college's President's Society. He is married to the former *Janet Mitchell* and has two adult children, *Cameron Cook* and *Dana Cook*.

Carolyn Hoffner is a retired social worker. She graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne with a bachelor's degree in sociology and religious education, and later earned a master of science in social work from the University of Tennessee. She worked for the Watauga Area Mental Health Center in Johnson City, Tenn.; Tidelands Mental Health Center in Savannah, Ga.; and Lutheran Services of Georgia.

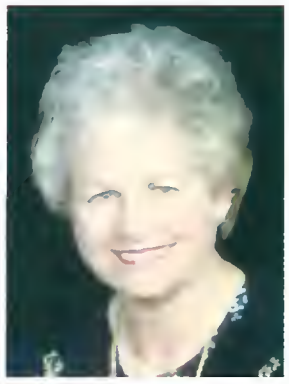
Hoffner is a member of the L-R Alumni Association Board of Directors and president of the college's Heritage Society. She has established a scholarship endowment at the college and endowed an office in Mauney-Schaeffer Hall. She has also served as a class agent. Hoffner has two adult children, *Dr. Andrea H. Tanner* of Columbia, S.C., and *the Rev. Alex L. Hoffner '97* of Brunswick, Ga.

Pedie King is vice president and owner of Ruskin Industries, a furniture manufacturing company in Hickory. After graduating from L-R, he worked as a production manager for Hancock & Moore until 1999, when he began his own company.

King is a member of the Hickory Rotary Club, the Piedmont Educational Foundation/ Bears Club, Hickory Sportsman Club and Morning Star First Baptist Church. He is also a board member of the United Arts Council of Catawba County. He is married to the former *Kerri Session* and has three children: *Bristen*, 8; *Tyson*, 6; and *Alani*, 5 months.

Jeffrey Neuville is a self-employed management consultant. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's of business administration degree from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Jeffrey L. Cook '77



Carolyn Eleazer Hoffner '64

Dewyone "Pedie" King '96

Jeffrey L. Neuville

Neuville is the former executive vice president of International Legwear Group. He also was president and CEO of Neuville Industries. He earlier served as vice president of operations and vice president of marketing for Neuville Industries and as marketing director of Management Concepts Inc. of Vienna, Va.

Neuville is married to *Michele Francois*, who is employed by the Catawba County Department of Social Services. They have two children, *Claire* and *Ben*, who attend Clyde Campbell Elementary School.

Inductees into the newly established Lenoir-Rhyne chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society in Social Sciences, included the following students and faculty. Front row, left to right: *Linda Lucus*, *Boni Killian*, *Lindsy Jones*. Second row: *Dr. Joseph Mancos*, *Dr. Amy Wood*, *Barbara Gilmore*, *Sara Beaver*, *Brian Mills*, *Devon Wilt*, *Lindsey Houk*. Back row: *Professor William Mauney*, *Professor Ted Thuesen*, *William Puckett*, *Glenn Carroll*, *Dr. John Sorenson*, *Dr. Russell Benton*, *Dr. Carolyn Huff*, *Dr. Walter Murphy*, *Douglas Marion* and *Natalie Temple*. In addition to inducting student members, the new honor society also inducted several current faculty members as well as Ted Thuesen, professor emeritus of sociology. Dr. Joseph Mancos, L-R professor of political science, is the chapter adviser.

These Lenoir-Rhyne College students were inducted this spring into the Upsilon Chi chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, an honor society for communication majors. They are (left to right) *Krysta Meinzer* of Hendersonville, N.C.; *Sarah Palmer* of Salem, Va.; *Maressa Klutz* of Rockwell, N.C.; *Jade Love* of Rockwell, N.C.; and *Katie Murray* of Granite Falls, N.C. Not pictured is *Joshua Rhoton* of Granite Falls, N.C.

Students present research

Four Lenoir-Rhyne College students recently presented their research at the N.C. Academy of Science competition for undergraduate students.

Kim Phelps received a first place in chemistry. *Sarah Dougherty* received a second place in ecology, and *Mary M. Womack* received a second place in biology. *Anna Grove* also presented her research in the field of molecular biology.

Phelps, working with L-R chemistry professor *Dr. Andy Steele*, presented her research on "Investigation of the Leaching Properties of Mercury Amalgam Fillings in Human Teeth." Dental amalgam is an alloy of mercury that is often used in dental fillings. Phelps studied whether various substances commonly found in food and beverages can cause leaching of the dental mercury.

Dougherty's topic was "The Effect of Grazing on the Growth Rate of the Submerged Aquatic Plant Vallisneria Americana." Her research was conducted under the guidance of L-R biology professors *Drs. Marsha Fanning* and *Karen McDougal*. Dougherty studied whether grazing could have an effect on the growth and vitality of underwater vegetation such as Vallisneria americana.

Womack's topic was "Prevalence of Baylisascaris procyonis in the Hickory, NC regional area." Her research studied the raccoon roundworm, B. procyonis, which has been identified by the Centers for Disease Control as an emerging infectious disease. The parasite can be transmitted to other animals and humans and can cause severe neurological disease. Her study found the presence of this roundworm, as well as the Capillaria species, in local raccoons. Her research was partially funded by a Yarbrough Research grant.

Lenoir-Rhyne students (left to right) ***Maggie Womack*** of Sanford, N.C.; ***Kim Phelps*** of Tampa, Fla.; ***Anna Grove*** of Danville, Calif.; and ***Sarah Dougherty*** of Reisterstown, Md. presented their research at the N.C. Academy of Science.

Grove's topic was "Mutational Analysis of the Bromodomain Homology Region of the YTA7 Gene, Which Encodes a Chromatin Binding Protein Involving the Heterochromatin Barrier Function." Grove's research was supported in part by a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant through the Undergraduate Biological Sciences Education Program to Louisiana State University, and a grant from the National Science Foundation. Her research was conducted last summer at LSU.

Children's author *Christopher Paul Curtis* talks with some of the Lenoir-Rhyne education students who assisted with The Little Read, a new children's reading initiative. The students prepared lesson plans and taught Hickory fourth- and fifth-graders using two of Curtis's books. The author visited Hickory in March, going to each Hickory elementary school and then giving a public reading at the college. This coming school year, The Little Read author will be *Jon Scieszka*. The Little Read is funded by a generous grant from the family of *Ron* and *Sandra Deal* in memory of their daughter *Sara Catherine Deal Temple*.

L-R alumna is commencement speaker

Lenoir-Rhyne alumna *Jane Carter Handly '67*, a professional speaker, consultant and author, was this year's spring commencement speaker. Handly graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College with a degree in theater. She also holds a master's degree in communication from Wake Forest University.

She began her career as a teacher in the Winston-Salem, N.C., public school system. While there, she produced a movie entitled "For the Love of Learning," which was shown on PBS television. She is the author of two books, "Getting Unstuck" and "Why Women Worry." Handly has appeared as a guest on more than 200 radio and television programs. Her work has been the subject of articles in Business Week, Ladies Home Journal and Money Magazine, to name a few.

She earned her Certified Speaking Professional designation from the National Speakers Association and was inducted into the Speakers Hall of Fame in 1992. She served on the association's board of directors for six years as secretary and treasurer. She also served as president of the North Texas Speakers Association.

Handly owned a marketing research company based in Dallas, Texas, specializing in service quality and business development. The firm conducted research for Fortune 500 companies throughout the United States and Canada.

Handly is married to *Robert Handly*, author of "Anxiety and Panic Attacks" and "Beyond Fear." They live in Dallas, Texas. Jane Handly's son, *Miles Warfford*, and his wife, *Pauletta*, live in Clemmons, N.C. They have two children, *Josh*, a freshman at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and *Olivia*, a high school junior.

John Moretz '72 named Business Leader of the Year

The Lenoir-Rhyne College Business Council honored *John Moretz '72*, CEO of GoldToeMoretz, as its 2007 Business Leader of the Year. Moretz is a former member of the Bears football team. He and his wife, *Marilyn '73*, in February committed to give Lenoir-Rhyne the largest gift in its history, $5.1 million. The gift was given in association with the Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club.

This gift will create the Moretz Sports Center and pay for other improvements to the college's sports facilities. It will also fund the Steven Harris Moretz Scholarship, the largest nursing scholarship gift in the history of the college.

John Moretz leads the company founded in 1946 by his father, *Hugh Moretz '34*. The company began as a hosiery broker and agent but became a fully integrated hosiery mill in 1956. As the hosiery industry has faced increasing competition, Moretz's company has thrived. It has received many honors, including Wal-Mart's Supplier of the Year award in 2003, 2004 and 2005. The Catawba County Chamber of Commerce presented the company its Faith in the Future award in 2005 for its investment in the area's economy.

Tony Wolfe '70 (left), outgoing president of the L-R Business Council, and ***Dr. Wayne Powell*** (right), college president, congratulate ***John Moretz '72*** on his Business Leader of the Year Award.

In 2006, Moretz Inc. and Gold Toe Brands merged to create GoldToeMoretz, the largest global sock company. The combined company has the leading market position in both the department store and specialty sporting goods channels in addition to significant presence in the rapidly growing mass-market channel. GoldToeMoretz possesses a diverse and prestigious portfolio of highly recognized brands such as PowerSox®, Kathy Ireland®, New Balance®, and Under Armour®. John Moretz continues to lead the expansion and growth of GoldToeMoretz through his position as CEO.

In addition to his leadership with GoldToeMoretz, John Moretz manages Moretz Marketing, a full service marketing and licensing company specializing in creating and managing Lifestyle Brands. Current branding partnerships include Kathy Ireland, John Elway and Ronnie Lott.

John and Marilyn Moretz have generously supported their alma mater over the years and are members of the college's Founder's Society. Through their company, they have supported many other community organizations. John and Marilyn Moretz's son *Charles '06* is now employed at GoldToeMoretz. Their daughter, *Laura*, attended Lenoir-Rhyne after graduating from Hickory High. She went on to earn her bachelor of fine arts degree from the San Francisco Art Institute, where she is currently working on her master's in fine arts.

Dr. Bob Simmons honored by Phi Beta Lambda

The North Carolina State Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national association for business students, dedicated its 53rd annual State Leadership Conference to *Dr. Robert "Bob" Simmons* of Lenoir-Rhyne College for his many years of service as an adviser and mentor.

Simmons retired as professor of business this spring. He was a PBL adviser for a total of 43 years, beginning when he was on the faculty of Gordon College and Middle Georgia College. In 1976, he joined the faculty at Lenoir-Rhyne College and began its PBL chapter. Since then, the L-R chapter has consistently received state and national awards, including numerous Gold Seal Chapter awards, which recognize outstanding chapters that rank in the top 5 percent of the state and nation. Simmons has advised 18 state officers, including two state presidents. From 1979 to 1993, he served as co-adviser of the statewide group.

Simmons received the Outstanding Local Adviser Award in 1990 and the Professional Division Distinguished Service Award in 1999. At the 2004 state conference, he became only the fourth person to be named an honorary life member of the state organization. In 2003, he was selected for inclusion in the national organization's Wall of Fame.

Simmons holds a bachelor's degree in business from Western Kentucky University, a master's in business and economics from Appalachian State University and a doctorate in management and higher education administration from Colorado State University. He completed additional graduate study in business at Georgia State University.

"It's been an opportunity to serve the students and help them in their career choices," he said about why he has spent so many years advising college student chapters.

Faculty, staff receive awards

Several Lenoir-Rhyne College faculty and staff members were recognized in May for their contributions to the college.

The Jeff L. Norris Non-Teaching Employee of the Year Award was presented to *Brian Hill*, an assistant football coach. This award is given to a non-teaching employee who displays expertise beyond competence in his or her field, is reliable in attendance, contributes to the college mission, goes beyond the call of duty, contributes improvement ideas, places institutional good above individual or department good, displays a positive attitude, willingness to work, enthusiasm, flexibility and adaptability.

Dr. Russell Benton, history professor, received the Roediger Distinguished Professorship. This award is presented annually by the president in recognition of distinguished service to the college.

Dr. Paul Custer, assistant professor of history, received the Faculty Scholar Award. This award is presented to the faculty member who has made the greatest contribution to his or her discipline in the spirit of academic inquiry during the academic year. Custer's research deals with the Industrial Revolution in British and Western history, specifically the influence of gender and class.

Dr. Rufus L. Moretz, professor of theology, received the Raymond Morris Bost Award, which recognizes and encourages outstanding teaching.

This year, the Hacawa was dedicated to *Dr. Richard Mazak*, associate professor of physics, who has worked at Lenoir-Rhyne 17 years. "He combines brilliance with humor to make physics fun and engaging," wrote *Jamie Wallace*, a 2005 graduate in physics. "Beyond this, he cares about Lenoir-Rhyne and its students. He is always willing to take time out of his busy schedule to help students with difficult subject matter or just to see what's going on."

The Student Government Association Award was presented to *Eddie Wesson*, executive chef and catering director with Aramark's Campus Dining Services. This award is given to the person who has made a significant contribution to the well-being of the student body. The Student Government Association President's Award, presented to the person who has provided help in strengthening the college community, was presented to *Shena Hollar*, coach of the women's softball team. Dr. Paul Custer, adviser to the Hacawa yearbook, was recognized as outstanding student organization adviser. Dr. Russell Benton received the Deaf Awareness Award.

In addition, the following faculty promotions were announced. *Dr. Linda Johanson* received tenure and was promoted to associate professor. *Dr. Kerry Thompson* was promoted to professor.

The college also recognized the following retirees: *Dr. Joe Glass*, professor of religion, 43 years of service; Dr. Russell Benton, professor of history, 41 years; *Dr. Dan Kuropas*, professor of French, 33 years; *Dr. Wayne King*, professor of business, 23 years; *Dr. Robert Simmons*, professor of business, 31 years; *John Huss*, director of college relations, 13 years; and *Dr. Ray Von Beatty*, associate professor of counseling, four years.

Brian Hill

Dr. Russell Benton

Dr. Paul Custer

Dr. Rufus Moretz

Dr. Richard Mazak

Eddie Wesson

Shena Hollar

Lenoir-Rhyne employees who are retiring this year include (left to right) ***John Huss***, ***Dr. Russell Benton***, ***Dr. Robert Simmons***, ***Dr. Wayne King***, ***Dr. Joe Glass*** and ***Dr. Dan Kuropas***. Not pictured is ***Dr. Ray Von Beatty***.

L-R honors three at spring commencement

Lenoir-Rhyne College presented two honorary doctorates and one Trustee Award during spring commencement. ***Harley Ferguson "Buck" Shuford Jr.*** of Hickory received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. ***The Rev. Robert Lewis Dasher '56***, formerly of Arden, N.C., was honored posthumously with an honorary doctor of divinity degree. ***John David Moose '59*** of Alpharetta, Ga., received a Trustee Award.

Shuford has served since 1996 as chairman of CV Industries Inc., a privately held company with subsidiaries Century Furniture LLC, Valdese Weavers LLC and Shuford Development Inc. From 1967 to 1995, he was president of Century Furniture Industries.

He served on the Board of Directors of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association from 1968 to 1995, was president of that organization in 1980 and chairman in 1981. He served as president of the Furniture Factories Marketing Association of the South from 1983 to 1985 and as chairman from 1985 to 1987.

He has also played a leading role in civic life, education and the arts. Shuford is a member of Corinth Reformed Church of Hickory. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received the American Furniture Manufacturers Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1994 and was inducted into the American Furniture Hall of Fame in 1995. He received the Lenoir-Rhyne College Business Leader of the Year Award in 2003. He and his wife, ***Helgi '61***, are the parents of two children.

Dasher was a retired Lutheran pastor who died on April 10, 2007. He received a master's of divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and earned a master's of education from the University of South Carolina.

He served as pastor of Lutheran Chapel Lutheran Church in China Grove, N.C., from 1959 to 1963. He was pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and campus pastor at East Carolina University from 1963 to 1968. He was Lutheran campus pastor at the University of South Carolina from 1969 to 1984. He served as assistant to the bishop of the South Carolina Lutheran Synod from 1985 to 1996.

Dasher served as president of the South Rowan County, N.C., and Greenville, N.C., ministerial groups. Both groups were integrated during his tenure as president. He also served on an Advisory Committee to the staff of the National Council of Churches during the Civil Rights era. He held numerous leadership positions within the ELCA. He was named "Lutheran Man of the Year" in 1994 by the S.C. Lutheran Men, and was named "Lutheran Champion of Youth" by the S.C. Synod Lutheran Church Youth.

He also served part-time for two years in church relations for Lutheran Family Services.

Dasher was president of the Lenoir-Rhyne College Alumni Association 1995-1996. Dasher is survived by his wife, ***Ann Krider Dasher '57***; two children, ***Ann Roberta Hendrix '82*** and ***Charles Dasher***; and four grandchildren. His daughter also served as president of the L-R Alumni Association.

John David Moose served on the Lenoir-Rhyne Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1994 and from 1998 to 2006. He was chair of the board from 2000 to 2006.

While a student at L-R, he lettered in football four years, and in track and field two years. While he was on the football team, Lenoir-Rhyne won four North State Conference championships. He served as captain of the football team in 1958, the year the Bears were voted the best team in the state and posted a 9-1 record. He was inducted into the L-R Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. He was also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

He joined Collins & Aikman Corp. in 1960 and held several sales positions. In 1981, he became vice president of marketing automotive products for the company. Moose was promoted to president of the North American Automotive Group in 1989. From 1994 to 1998, he was president of the company's Automotive Fabrics International Group.

He has held numerous volunteer positions at Lenoir-Rhyne. He has served on the college's Board of Visitors and Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club Board. Both his and his wife ***Sandy's*** children were also L-R Bears. ***Mary Floyd*** graduated in 1987. John and Sandy Moose established an annual football scholarship endowment in memory of their son, ***David A. Moose***, who was captain-elect of the 1984 football team.

They are members of the college's President's and Founder's societies at the Centurion level. The have contributed leadership gifts to all the college's campaigns, including the Centennial-Renewal and Mauney-Schaeffer campaigns. The head football coach's office on the Hanley Painter Athletic Floor in the college's McCrorie Center bears the Moose name.

Above: ***The Rev. Robert L. Dasher '56*** was honored posthumously.

Left: ***Dr. Wayne B. Powell*** (left), college president, and ***Charles M. Snipes '58*** (second from right), chair of the L-R Board of Trustees, congratulate ***Harley F. "Buck" Shuford Jr.*** (second from left) and ***John David Moose '59*** (right), who were honored during spring commencement.

Two professors receive Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Two retiring business professors, *Dr. J. Wayne King* and *Dr. Robert N. Simmons*, were presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine at a retirement dinner.

The award is the highest civilian award in North Carolina and is bestowed upon individuals who have a proven record of service in North Carolina through a long history of service to their community, service to civic and charitable organizations, and dedication to their chosen careers.

The award was given by *N.C. Gov. Mike Easley*. It was presented to the two retiring professors by *Charles M. Snipes '58*, chairman and CEO of the Bank of Granite. The college's Charles M. Snipes School of Business is named in his honor, making it the first named school at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

King has served as professor of business at Lenoir-Rhyne College since 1984. He previously was a member of the faculty of Colorado State University; Radford University of Radford, Va.; and Spartanburg Junior College in Spartanburg, S.C. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business from Appalachian State University, a master's in business and economics from ASU and a Ph.D. in administration with cognate in business from Colorado State University. He pursued additional graduate study at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and at Virginia Tech.

In 2002, King was recognized by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) as the recipient of the International Teaching Excellence Award, the highest honor for a business professor given by the international accrediting organization.

Simmons served as professor of business at Lenoir-Rhyne since 1976. He also previously served as chair of the Department of Business at Gordon College in Barnesville, Ga. Simmons holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Western Kentucky University at Bowling Green; a master's degree in economics and business from Appalachian State University; and a Ph.D. in vocational education, cognate in management and higher education administration, from Colorado State University. He has pursued additional graduate studies at Georgia State University. Simmons also served as a faculty adviser for Phi Beta Lambda, a student business group, for a total of 43 years.

Charles Snipes '58 (left) presents the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to ***Dr. J. Wayne King***.

Dr. Robert N. Simmons holds his Order of the Long Leaf Pine award.

Lenoir-Rhyne College students received individual and group honors in Phi Beta Lambda national and statewide competition this spring. From left to right are ***Ashley Walker***; ***Youa Vang***; ***Dr. Robert Simmons***, chapter adviser; ***Amy Lee***; and ***Christy Harvey***, chapter president.

Phi Beta Lambda students win awards

Students from Lenoir-Rhyne College took home several individual and chapter awards at Phi Beta Lambda national and statewide competition.

In the national Leadership Conference held in June, *Christy Harvey*, chapter president, earned first place in the Annual Business Report competition. *Ashley Walker* received third place in Impromptu Speaking. Christy Harvey and Ashley Walker placed 10th in American Enterprise. The chapter received the Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Award of Merit, which is given to the top 5 percent of chapters nationwide. Students *Youa Vang* and *Amy Lee* also participated.

Dr. Robert Simmons was honored as the longest serving adviser in the history of the organization. Students must receive either first-place or second-place honors in statewide competition to be eligible to compete in the national event.

In earlier statewide competition, the chapter won 11 individual awards and three chapter awards. First-place winners included: Christy Harvey and Ashley Walker for their American Enterprise Presentation; Christy Harvey, Youa Vang and Amy Lee for their Business Decision Making Presentation; Ashley Walker for Human Resource Management and for Impromptu Speaking; and Christy Harvey for Annual Chapter Business Report.

In addition, Youa Vang received second place for her Business Plan. Christy Harvey received third place in Management Analysis and Decision Making. Youa Vang and Amy Lee received sixth place for their Community Service Presentation.

Youa Vang and Amy Lee were named to Who's Who in North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda. Amy Lee also received the Career and Membership Achievement Program Director's Level Award. The Lenoir-Rhyne chapter received the statewide Gold Seal Award, the Terry Lowrance Leadership Award and the Gold Star Award.

New trustees appointed

Lenoir-Rhyne College has named two new members to its Board of Trustees. They are *David W. Hoyle '60* of Dallas, N.C., and *Michael W. Hinshaw '58* of Charlotte, N.C.

Since 1985, Hoyle has been a real estate investor and developer, primarily in the Southeast. From 1960 to 1985, he was founder and president of Summey Building Systems.

Hoyle is a N.C. state senator, representing District 43 from 1992 to the present. He has a distinguished record, having received many awards and recognitions. He is consistently ranked as one of the top three senators in effectiveness. He is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. At age 27, he was the youngest person to serve as mayor of the town of Dallas, serving from 1967 to 1971. He also formerly served as a board member of the N.C. Department of Transportation. During his tenure, he was instrumental in getting Highway 321 completed through Gaston, Lincoln and Catawba counties. These three counties honored him by naming this portion of Highway 321 the Senator David W. Hoyle Highway.

Hoyle was named 2004 Gaston County Man of the Year. He formerly served on the Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees for 17 years and is a former chairman of the board. He has also held numerous other volunteer positions in the community. In addition, he is a former president of the Board of the Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club. Hoyle received an honorary doctor of laws degree from L-R in 1983.

He is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Dallas. He is married to *Linda Summey Hoyle '59*. He has two children: *Lonnia H. Beam '91* and *David W. Hoyle Jr. '93*, and three grandchildren: *Matthew Beam*, *David W. Holye III* and *Blair Hoyle*.

Hinshaw is the owner of Hinshaw Properties LLC of Charlotte, N.C. He worked in real estate lending and banking until 1986. Since that time, he has been a real estate developer.

He is a former member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. He is a member of Sharon Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He is married to *Frankie Tomberlin Hinshaw* and has two sons, *Michael Hinshaw Jr.* and *Steven Hinshaw*, both of Charlotte, and seven grandchildren.

Hinshaw and his wife have been loyal supporters of Lenoir-Rhyne for many years. He served on the college's Board of Visitors from 2001 to 2007 and was chair of that board from 2005 to 2007. He also served on the Building and Grounds Committee, and served as chair of its subcommittee, the Master Plan Committee. The Hinshaws contributed to the college's Mauney-Schaeffer renovation project and the McCrorie Center. They are members of the college's Founder's Society and charter members of the President's Society.

Michael W. Hinshaw '58

David W. Hoyle '60

In addition to these two new members, the following board members have been re-elected to three-year terms: *Hugo L. Deaton* of Hickory, *Lynn M. Lail* of Conover, *James L. McCoy Jr. '70* of Charlotte, *Stephen B. Neuville* of Hickory, *Charles M. Snipes '58* of Hickory, *David L. Sparks '68* of Hickory, *the Rev. Monta Maki* of Charlotte and *the Rev. Dr. John F. Merck '60* of Charlotte.

Professor, alumna recognized

Dr. Karen Dill, associate professor of psychology, is attracting international attention for her research on video games. Dill's accomplishments include publishing the most cited scientific article on video game violence, testifying before Congress about media violence, and co-authoring a statement about media violence for the American Psychological Association.

She is one of a handful of scholars from around the world who will lead a discussion at a conference in Chile on interactive media for education. This Expert Meeting on Education and Video Games is being held in Santiago, Chile on Aug. 27-28.

The Center for Educational Research and Innovation, an international organization that conducts pioneering education research, and the Chilean Ministry of Education are sponsoring the conference. Dill is one of about a dozen scholars who were invited to go to Santiago, expenses paid, to give the latest perspectives on the influence of video games and interactive media. This is part of a project called the New Millennium Learners, an international investigation of the impact of emerging digital technologies on learning. A book is expected to result from the information shared at the meeting, co-authored by the experts invited to present.

In June, she appeared on "The Morning Show with Mike & Juliet," a live program carried by many of the Fox affiliates nationwide. Dill appeared on the Fox program to discuss a news story about "virtual rapes" occurring on Second Life, an online community. She also presented her latest research as part of a panel of media experts at the June meeting of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco.

Her most recent research has explored the portrayal of gender roles in video gaming magazines and in video games themselves. She and her students found that the great majority of video games depict men as ultra violent and women as stereotyped sex objects. The women are often shown as victims of violence.

In addition, Dill and her former student ***Kathryn Phillips Thill '07*** have received word that their research paper has been accepted for publication by "Sex Roles: A Journal of Research." Their article is titled "Video game characters and the socialization of gender roles: Young people's perceptions mirror sexist media depictions." Thill, who graduated with top honors from L-R's psychology program, is now pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. The two are also currently co-authoring a book chapter on domestic violence to be published by Praeger Press. Additional information about Dill's research may be found on the Web at www.lrc.edu/psy/dillk/researchlinks.htm.

Kathryn Phillips Thill '07 and *Dr. Karen Dill*

Student to begin composting on campus

Sophomore *Kathryn Miles* has received a $3,000 grant from the N.C. Beautiful Scholars program to research and develop a composting program on campus. She plans to begin work on the project this fall.

Miles was raised in rural Blythewood, S.C., where her family grew a garden that supplied most of their vegetables. They always put food scraps in a compost pile to help fertilize the garden.

She got the idea for a composting project when she noticed the large amount of food thrown away by students. "It kind of bothered me being in the cafeteria and seeing so much going to waste," she said.

She joined Earthbound, an environmental club on campus that works closely with the Thomas W. Reese Institute for Conservation of Natural Resources. Through that organization, she attended a conference at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where she learned what other colleges are doing to be more environmentally sustainable.

After returning to campus, she wrote a grant proposal, which was accepted by N.C. Beautiful. She plans to develop a campus compost pile using waste food from the cafeteria and Bears' Lair. Miles said she also hopes to put boxes around campus to encourage students to add their food scraps to the project. In addition, she said she would like to investigate how much yard waste is produced at the college and whether this material can be composted as well.

Miles proposed using the composted waste in the college's lawn and garden care. In addition, she said, "I hope to make it full circle and have a community garden on campus that would use the compost."

Her project will include an educational component, with L-R students being taught which items could be composted. In addition, she said she would like the project to serve as a model for the community, with school children visiting the campus to learn about composting.

Professor named to journal review board

Dr. William Richter, professor of communication at Lenoir-Rhyne College, has been named to the Editorial Review Board in the area of Communication and Media for Scientific Journals International.

Richter joins faculty members from Princeton, Yale, Oxford, Harvard, Cambridge, MIT and other leading universities in reviewing articles for SJI.

Scientific Journals International is a new, web-based approach to scholarly publication. Instead of the normal publication delay of several months, the Internet-based publisher says that it can publish articles an average of 30 days after submission. The articles are free and accessible to scholars worldwide.

The SJI Web site says: "Our goal is also to provide immediate, world-wide, barrier-free, open access to the full text of research articles and creative works. . . . This revolutionary project is an attempt to provide a one-stop efficient forum for publishing research and creative work from all disciplines. There is no other journal in the world that aims to have this scope."

Anyea Gibson, a senior education major, listens to Cameron Corpening read at the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School held at First Baptist Church in Hickory this summer. This was the first year of the school in Hickory. The concept originated during the Civil Rights era. The CDF began offering Freedom Schools based on that model in 1992. The schools are summer enrichment programs that focus on positive discipline and building self-esteem. Gibson was one of several L-R students who served as teachers or "servant leaders" in the program. Others were ***John M. Davis***, ***Lauren Abel*** and ***Kelly Teague***. ***Dr. Janet Painter*** and ***Professor Joyce Davis*** of the L-R School of Education provided assistance. ***Carol Johnson '07*** was the project director and ***Carly Lewis '07*** was the site coordinator.

Couple celebrate anniversary with gift to benefit others

Charles A. Hauser '70 of Cornelius wanted to give his wife, *Martha '70*, something special for their anniversary this year. He said he usually gets her a gift, but this year, he just gave her a card. She seemed a little disappointed, until he surprised her by telling her that he had established a nursing scholarship in her honor at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

The Martha B. Hauser Nursing Scholarship Fund will be used to provide a scholarship for a rising junior or senior nursing student at Lenoir-Rhyne College. The recipient will be from North Carolina and have financial need. The scholarship was endowed with a gift of $25,000.

Both Charles and Martha Hauser graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1970. He became a teacher and principal in the Iredell-Statesville Schools. He is now retired. She went to work as a nurse at Davis Hospital in Statesville, where she was employed for 29 years. For the past seven years, she has worked for Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County, where she is currently the compliance director.

Charles Hauser said his wife "got a little teary-eyed" when he told her about the nursing scholarship in her honor. He added, "She was really excited and felt the same way I did." He said they had discussed doing something for their alma mater for several years, and he decided this was the time.

"We just wanted to show the Lenoir-Rhyne family how much we appreciated the good they did for us," he said. "We really enjoyed our years at Lenoir-Rhyne. They gave us a good start in our careers, and we just wanted to give back to the college."

The Hausers have one son, *Allen*. He and their daughter-in-law, *Josephine*, have one child, *Jackson*, who is 9 months old.

Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts donate $306,000

Funds used to demolish Highland Hall, purchase dishwashing system and upgrade electrical system

Lenoir-Rhyne College received a grant of $306,000 from the Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts. This grant was used to demolish Highland Hall, purchase a new dishwashing system for the college cafeteria, and upgrade the electrical system in Isenhour Hall.

This grant is the largest received by the college from the Cannon Charitable Trusts since 1985. "We greatly appreciate the Cannon Charitable Trusts' assistance with these long-identified capital needs, and we look forward to the positive changes that they will bring to student life on our campus," said ***Scott Shrode***, Lenoir-Rhyne vice president for advancement.

Highland Hall, built in 1907 as a men's dormitory, was the oldest remaining building on campus. After extensive research, college officials came to the conclusion that it was not structurally or financially feasible to restore the building. It most recently housed the college's nursing program, which was moved to the McCrorie Center upon its completion in 2002, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support Services, which moved to the Cromer Center in 2003. Since that time, Highland Hall had been vacant. The building was razed during the summer break, leaving green space in its place.

The second part of the grant helped upgrade equipment used in the college cafeteria. Each year, the cafeteria serves approximately 1,600 Lenoir-Rhyne College students and more than 23,000 guests to the college. The third part of the grant was used to improve the electrical system in Isenhour Hall, a residence hall built in 1968. The electrical upgrades will provide additional capacity for the many electrical devices brought to campus by today's students.

Look for Honor Roll of Donors online

This year, Lenoir-Rhyne College introduces a new way to recognize our donors. The Honor Roll of Donors, previously printed in this issue, will now be available online at www.lrc.edu. Like many other colleges, we are adopting this change to make the best use of our resources, both financial and natural.

Look for the online Honor Roll of Donors by the end of September. If you do not have Internet access, or do not find this method convenient, feel free to call the Advancement Office at 828-328-7108. We will be glad to print out the portion of the list containing your name and mail it to you. Thank you for your continued support of Lenoir-Rhyne College.

In Memoriam:

Helen Emma Smith Hunicke '30
of Conover on April 22

Addie Virginia Tate Webber '33
of Hickory on Feb. 2

Virginia Mitchell Kale '35
of Lincolnton, N.C., on Feb. 4

Flossie Deal Brandon '36
of Sherrills Ford on Oct. 17, 2006

Roger Earl McArver '36
of Gastonia, N.C., on April 29

Mary Benfield Bowden '38
of Redmond, Wash.

Mary Poovey Fagerstrom '41
of Evergreen, Colo., on April 17

Margaret Blair McKay '42
of Hickory on March 12

The Rev. John Paul Rimmer '43
of Cherryville, N.C., on April 29

Harold Vernon Poovey '44
of Belmont, N.C., on March 12

William R. Patterson '47,
of Atlanta, Ga., on March 2

Martha C. Barkley '51
of Hickory on March 2

George Drafts Boozer '51
of Lexington, S.C., on Jan. 22

Patricia Ann Maus '53
of Salisbury, N.C., on Jan. 20

The Rev. Robert Lewis Dasher '56
of Arden, N.C., on April 10

Marcus M. Rowe Jr. '56
of Charlotte, N.C., on Feb. 21

Robert Clarke '58
of Sherrills Ford on Dec. 8, 2006

Fred Cranford '58
of Valdese, N.C., on March 23

Alexander J. Daly Jr. '58
of Marietta, Ga., on March 10

Carroll E. Bartholomew '60
of Newton on March 10

Donald "Don" Clyde Helton '69
of Hickory on June 22

Dr. Linda Hester Phillips '69
of Shelby, N.C., on June 2

James Syers '94
of Hickory on Feb. 24

1964 Kay Bowman Schmucker received the Prudential Real Estare Legend Award for having been in the top 5 percent of 68,000 Prudential Realtors for 15 consecutive years. The presentation was made at rhe Prudential National Convention in April 2007 in San Diego, Calif. Only 15 Prudential agents received this honor. Kay has been a Realtor for 30 years.

The Rev. Robert F. Shelby III retired on Feb. 1, 2006. Ordained in June 1968, he served St. John's Lutheran Church in Hudson and Faith Lutheran Church in Conover. He and his wife, **Virginia "Ginger" Black '63**, currently reside in Hudson.

Patricia Cauble White retired from Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh after 18 years as an instructor-coordinator in the Learning Center.

1967 Judy Hawkins Eckard has retired after 37 years in the public school system. She and her husband, **Curt,** have moved to Boone.

David L. Elder was inducted into the Catawba County Sports Hall of Fame in May. As a prep coach in football and girls basketball, his teams won 556 games.

R. Neal Pruett has retired from Wachovia Bank as of Nov. 30, 2006. He is currently self-employed as an investment advisor in Lexington, N.C.

1968 The Rev. Gerald Patrick Wallace recently retired after serving 35 years as an ELCA minister in North and South Carolina. He now looks forward to part-time parish ministry work and also working with Carolina Tours of Lexington, S.C. Grandkids and travel top the list of things to keep him busy.

1970 Jan Yoder Elliott has retired as director of Scotland County Department of Social Services. She retired earlier from the N.C. Division of Social Services as regional director and local support manager. She is a certified public manager, a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and other awards over her 36 year career in social services. She and her family live in Laurinburg.

The Rev. E. Roy Riley Jr. was recently re-elected to a six-year term as bishop of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

1976 John Daggan is currently network manager for Cleary Gottlieb in New York. He and his wife, **Jean '77**, reside in Staten Island, N.Y.

1977 Lynn Ernst Clark was honored as Wilkes Central High School's Teacher of the Year for the 2006-2007 school year. She retired in December 2006 after teaching Latin for 29-1/2 years at WCHS.

Steven Blanton McGinnis has retired as principal of Winston-Salem/Forsyth

Alumni elect officers, new board members

Jim Alexander '73

Warren Danley '53

Jen Oelkers Tice '95

Dick Huffman '72

Vicki Rudisill Fales '66

Bruce Blackburn '73

Reid Chapman '58

Boyd Wilson Jr. '74

Grant Matthews '83

Michael Ervin '88

Gabrielle Macon '01

David Yoder '02

The Lenoir-Rhyne College Alumni Association elected new officers and board members during Alumni Weekend. Officers for the coming year include *Jim Alexander '73* of Atlanta, Ga., president; *Warren Danley '53* of Columbus, Ohio, immediate past president; *Jen Oelkers Tice '95* of Hickory, N.C., president-elect; *Richard L. "Dick" Huffman '72* of Salisbury, N.C., vice president; *Vicki Rudisill Fales '66* of Hickory, N.C., vice president; and *Bruce Blackburn '73* of Hickory, N.C., secretary-treasurer.

New board members, who will serve until 2010, include *Reid Chapman '58* of Gastonia, N.C.; *Boyd C.Wilson Jr. '74* of Hudson, N.C.; *W. Grant Matthews '83* of New Bern, N.C.;

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County Schools as of Oct. 1, 2006. He currently lives in Fort Lauderdale in the winter and Winston-Salem/ Blowing Rock in the summer.

1978 **Joyce Moyer Hostetter** received the 2007 Children's Book Award presented by the International Reading Association. Her book, "Blue," won the intermediate fiction category. The award was presented in May at the International Reading Association's 52nd annual convention in Toronto.

1979 **Christina Reaux Tregoning** is currently a teacher for Montgomery County Schools in Rockville, Md.

1980 **Jane Bettis Hoke** has retired from teaching and is now working with her husband of 27 years, Ray, in the family business. Hoke Enterprises is an unlimited licensed general contractor. They have a new grandson, Casey Ray Greene.

1984 Greg and **Dianne Schelberg Travis** have lived in Meridian, Miss., for 12 years. Dianne has been with Community Bank for seven years and Greg is the chief pilot for Peavey Electronics. Dianne currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Junior Miss Program.

1986 **Kay Ledbetter Willis** of Hickory recently completed service as the 2006-2007 Rho State president and Psi Conclave president of Kappa Kappa Iota Educational Organization. She is representing North Carolina at the 2007 National Convention in Palm Springs, Calif.

Baby Bears

To **Jeff** and **Gina Mayes '88 Harris**, a son, John Patrick, on March 25. Big sister, Anna, is very excited to have a little brother.

1990 **Joy Sigmon Lowry** has joined the medical staff as a pediatrician at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory. She received her medical degree from East Carolina University in 1994 and completed her residency at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

William R. Rhyne has been accepted to The Executive Program (TEP), a four-week intensive program at the University of Virginia Darden Business School. TEP was ranked the No. 1 senior management program by Financial Times magazine in 2005.

Baby Bears

To Deron and **Jennifer Joines Bumgarner** of Newton, a daughter, Emily Marie, on March 6, 2006.

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Michael Lynn Ervin '88 **of Irmo, S.C.;** ***Gabrielle Grace-Marie Macon '01*** **of Charlotte, N.C.; and** ***David H. Yoder '02*** **of Pinehurst, N.C.**

Alexander is senior vice president and managing broker of the Sandy Ridge Office of Jenny Pruitt & Associates, REALTORS®, of Atlanta, Ga. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Board of REALTORS®, serving as vice president for governmental and community affairs. He also oversees the REALTORS® Political Action Committee for the Atlanta Board of REALTORS®. He is a Life Member of the Atlanta Board of REALTORS® Million Dollar Club. Alexander has earned the title of CRB (Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager), a designation held by only 6,000 brokers nationwide. In addition, The Atlanta Business Chronicle has named him to Who's Who in Residential Real Estate.

Danley, a resident of Columbus, Ohio, is a retired U.S. Navy commander and is also retired as an employee of the state of Ohio. He is a member of Bethel United Methodist Church of Columbus. Danley is a former co-chair of the college's Annual Fund.

Tice is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She works as a pre-school educator at the Catawba Science Center. She is a former member of the Alumni Board and formerly served as Catawba County Alumni Chapter chair.

Huffman is an attorney in Salisbury. He earned an MBA from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in 1977 and received a law degree from Wake Forest University in 1981. He is a former president of the Alumni Chapter in Charlotte and is currently a member of the Salisbury Chapter.

Fales is a retired educator. She has been actively involved in L-R chapter events and formerly served on the Alumni Board.

Blackburn is an accountant who has served as secretary-treasurer of the board for many years.

Chapman is a retired employee of Bridgestone Firestone Inc. He is an active member of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Gastonia and formerly served as Church Council president.

Wilson is is a certified public accountant who earned a master's degree in economics and business from Appalachian State University in 1975. He is currently executive vice president of Broyhill Investments Inc.

Matthews is a graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Va. He is now retired from the military and is self-employed. He is a member of Davis Street Methodist Church of Burlington, N.C.

Ervin earned his M.D. degree from East Carolina Medical School in 1992. He is a physician employed at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Irmo, S.C.

Macon earned a law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in 2004. She is an assistant district attorney in Mecklenburg County. Macon is a member of the Church at Charlotte Women's Bible Study and a YMCA volunteer.

Yoder holds a master's degree in economics from N.C. State University and is a financial planner with Diefendorf Capital Planning Associates. He is an active member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Pinehurst. He was president of the L-R Student Government Association in 2002.

Jennifer is an administrative assistant at Comez North America Ltd. in Hickory.

1991 **Lonnia Hoyle Beam** completed her master's in school administration from Gardner-Webb University in December 2005. She was named assistant principal at Cosmer Elementary School in June 2006. She and her family teside in Cherryville, N.C.

Baby Bears

To Tiffany and **David Herlong** of Columbia, S.C., a son, Caleb Dawson, on Jan. 9.

To Amy and **Michael McGhinnis**, a son, Andrew Sean "Drew," on April 24. Drew joins his older brother, Jack.

1992 **Julie Stokes Pruett** graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. She is currently with the Catawba County Economic Development Corp.

Baby Bears

To **Lin** and **Minette Bushong '93 Pugh** of Indianapolis, Ind., their first child, a son, William Luke, on April 4.

To Mike and **Kristen Zimmerman Skonieczny**, a son, Ethan James, on Aug. 4, 2006. Ethan has a big sister, Ella, 3. The family lives in Falls Church, Va.

1994

Baby Bears

To Aaron and **Kimberley Jhugdeo Hughes** of Hickory, a son, Joshua Kyle, on Feb. 18. He was welcomed by big brother, Nathanael, 3. Kimberley is a banker assistant at First Citizens Bank, Hickory. Aaron is a branch manager at Bank of Granite in Mountain View.

To Alan and **Anne Weeks Spell** of Lewisville, N.C., a son, Patrick Southerland, on Dec. 1, 2006. He has a big brother, Campbell, 2. Anne is a senior sales representative for Johnson & Johnson.

1995 **David McManus** recently left his position as production manager for Carolina Ballet in Raleigh. He is currently head carpenter for the national tour of "Light in the Piazza."

Married

B. Suzanne "Suzy" Young and Mike Crook on April 21 in Orangeburg, S.C. Suzy's brother, **the Rev. David N. Young '93**, performed the ceremony.

Baby Bears

To **Aaron Ames** and Cindy Arnold

***Sarah Jane Rush '02* and *Bryan Wietzke '99* get ready to participate in the Charlotte RaceFest Half Marathon held on April 14.**

of Corpus Christi, Texas, a daughter, Allison Brooke, on May 7. Aaron and Cindy were married June 17, 2006. Aaron recently finished his third year at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in the sports information department.

To Charles and **Kelli Prestidge Barber** of Peachtree City, Ga., a son, Jacob Charles, on April 27. He joins big sister, Riley.

To Jennifer and **Ross Campbell** of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, on Feb. 21. She has a big sister, Caroline, 1 1/2.

To Henry and **Kathi Glander Stogner**, a daughter, Jessica Faith, on Dec. 2, 2006. She has a big sister, Lydia Rose. The family resides in Bluefield, W.Va.

1996 **Robert J. Hiss** has moved to Radford, Va., to take the position of assistant county administrator for Pulaski County.

The Rev. Stephen Mims has been called as the pastor of nurture and outreach to Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington, S.C.

Adrienne Wright Traynum received her master's in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in creative arts in learning from Lesley University.

1997 **Chad Kehrley** received his MBA from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Neil Myers, Arizona artist, is featured in the current issue of Tucson Home magazine's "3 of a Kind" artist series, with commentary by art critic Mark Mussari. Read about his work at www.neilmyers.homestead.com.

Tony Salerno has taken a position as central Florida executive senior sales director for Merchant Lynx Services, a merchant processing company that processed more than $1 billion for Visa/Mastercard in 2006.

Kit Cooper Smith is a registered nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston in the cardiac unit. She and her husband, Gregory, live in Decatur, Ga.

Baby Bears

To Brent and **Marti Corriher Berry**, a son, Brooks, on Feb. 20, 2006. Brooks joins big brother, Chandler, 4. Marti teaches second grade and Brent is an electrician. The family resides in Banner Elk, N.C.

To Holly and **Rex Marley** of Irmo, S.C., a son, Gage Fleming, on Feb. 7. He was welcomed by sister, Grace, 7, and brother, Gavin, 4. Rex is a key accounts representative for American Furniture.

To Jason and **Nina Williams Sadowski**, a daughter, Myah Jae, on April 29. Nina is a vice president at Null Furniture in Maiden. The family resides in Newton.

To Sean and **Christy Pitz Williams** of Lenoir, a son, Nolan Philip, on Jan. 19. He has a big brother, Micah Marcellus, 3. Christy is a kindergarten teacher with Caldwell County Schools.

1998

Married

Deanna Henry and David Lincicome on Sept. 2, 2006, in Ft. Wayne, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Andrew Weisner and Pastor Amy Fauquet, and was the last wedding that Amy officiated before her death.

Baby Bears

To Ryan and **Jeanna Ingram Frye** of Conover, a son, Jacob Ryan, on Dec. 25, 2006. Jeanna is a licensed clinical counselor with Family NET of Catawba County.

To **Mark** and **Jennifer Hoke Harrell**, a son, Jackson Edward, on April 5. The family resides in Roswell, Ga.

To Tommy and **Shana Marler Noble**, a son, Derek Alan, on Dec. 19, 2006. He joins their family with big brother, Grant Adam, 6.

To Mathew and **Caroline Munz Russell**, a daughter, Anna Maria, on March 13. Caroline has been teaching kindergarten for four years and is in her second year at Hickory Hills in Marietta, Ga. She was grade level chair during 2006-2007. Mat is technical services manager at JMJ Technologies Corp.

1999 **Amanda Boyd Cox** received National Board Certification as a teacher in December 2006. Her husband, **Zach Cox '01**, earned his MBA from Wake Forest University in December 2006. They currently live in Raleigh.

Baby Bears

To **Brian** and **Carole Simmons Johnson** of Gastonia, N.C., a son, Carter Daniel, on Sept. 21, 2006. Brian is a teacher at East Gaston High School.

To Robert and **Bridgit Wetzler Redman**, a daughter, Sophia Bella, on Dec. 18, 2006. Bridgit is a child care center director and Robert is a web designer. The family resides in York, Pa.

To **Quana Marie Winstead** of Cherokee, N.C., a daughter, Ann Mackenzie Toineeta, on July 4, 2006. Quana is a physician assistant for the Cherokee Diabetes Program.

To **Lucas** and **Lori Reece Zubrod** of Charlotte, a son, Braden Paul, on April 6.

Catawba County Hall of Fame Inducts two L-R alumni

Two Lenoir-Rhyne alumni were recently inducted into the Catawba County Sports Hall of Fame. They are *Rick Barnes '77*, head coach of the men's basketball team at the University of Texas-Austin, and *David Elder '67*, former football and basketball coach at Hickory High School.

Barnes grew up in Hickory. After graduating from L-R, he coached at North State Academy and then was an assistant basketball coach at Davidson, George Mason, Alabama and Ohio State. He became a head coach for the first time at George Mason in 1987. From there, he moved to Providence as one of the elite coaches in college basketball. He later coached at Clemson before going to Texas. He has compiled a record of 418-210 and is the winningest head coach in Texas history.

Elder is a native of Taylorsville. He was a former coach at West Lincoln, South Stanley, Lenoir High, West Caldwell and Hickory. His teams won three state girls basketball titles, and in 1996 he led the Red Tornadoes to a perfect 16-0 season and a state championship in football.

Rick Barnes '77

David Elder '67

2000 **Jahrae Hampton** graduated from Regis University in Denver, Colo., with a master's in nonprofit management and is currently employed by Regis University as an admissions counselor.

Married

Safiya Smith and Paul Dyer on Nov. 1, 2003. They have a daughter Chaiya, 4, and a son, Judah, 2. Safiya is a special education teacher at Elliot Primary School in Devonshire, Bermuda. The family resides in Pembroke, Bermuda.

Baby Bears

To Brandon and **Shanna Hughes Carter** of Hurricane, W.Va., a son, Aidan Scott, on April 1. Avery Elizabeth, 2, is his big sister.

2001 **Ben Stewart** was promoted to senior auditor at Davidson, Holland, Whitesell & Co., PLLC, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants. He received his master's of accounting from North Carolina State University.

Baby Bears

To Nadia and **Shady Dahir** of Raleigh, N.C., a daughter, Jenna, on Feb. 4.

To David and **Ailisa Willis Green** of Spartanburg, S.C., a son, Joshua David, on Jan. 15. He joins his two big brothers, Johnathan and Jackson.

To Jason and **Cynthia Kennett Jones** of Englewood, Fla., a daughter, Taylor Lynn, on Jan. 13. Cynthia is a teacher and head varsity softball coach at Charlotte High School, Punta Gorda.

To **Stephen** and **Meredith Osborne Priestley** of Hickory, a daughter, Arlie Rae, on June 13.

To **Chris** and **Heather Bennett VanOpdorp** of Odessa, Fla., a son, Tyler James, on May 11 in Tampa.

To **Scott** and **Carrie Lingle Robitzer '99** of Charlotte, a son, Scott Haines III, on May 26. They plan to call him Haines.

To **Richard "Chip" '02** and **Brandy Cruse Wilson** of Winterville, N.C., a son, Colin Reid, on Jan. 23.

To **Michael '00** and **Michelle McConnell Yelton**, a son, Jackson James, on March 18. The family resides at Lake Lure, N.C.

2002 **Ryan Erikson** recently completed law school at DePaul University in Chicago and has passed the bar exam. He plans to search for a job in the Chicago area.

John Patrick Favero Jr. graduated May 26 from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine. He is interning at Lynchburg General Hospital in Lynchburg, Va., in family medicine.

These members of the Class of 1956 recently got together in Garden City, S.C. Some hadn't seen each other in 51 years. From left to right are *Sam Temple, Jake Campbell, Roddy Hodge, Bob Morgan, Bill Nancy* and *Walter Drury*.

Jackie Hanselmann has been promoted to program coordinator at The Broad Foundation in Los Angeles. The Broad Foundation is a nonprofit foundation that focuses on improving our nation's urban education systems. In her new role, Jackie will work with the foundation's people-related grants/investments like Teach for America, KIPP Charter Schools and New Leaders for New Schools.

Ian Meeks is currently serving as a school counselor at Lincolnton High School, and was recently promoted to men's head soccer coach.

Married

Shannon Leigh Bruther and Joseph Wahler in November 2006. The couple resides in Fairfax, Va.

Leigh Chandler and Andrew Ford on May 5 in Columbia, S.C. Leigh is a field service representative with

***Addison "Pippa" Hefner*, daughter of *Eric* and *Shannon Murphy Hefner '97* of Conover, N.C., makes good use of her L-R bib.**

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Is spouse an alumnus/a? _____ No _____ Yes If yes, give class year _____

Birth: _____ Son _____ Daughter Adoption: _____ Son _____ Daughter

Name of child _____ Date _____

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Death of _____ Date _____ Class Year _____

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Several members of the Class of 2007 stand beside some of the benches they gave as their senior class gift. From left to right are *Drew Maher*, *Stephanie Delgado* (class president), *Christine Maack*, *Candace Semmel*, *J.P. Gunter* and *Kristina Proctor*.

County Schools as of Oct. 1, 2006. He currently lives in Fort Lauderdale in the winter and Winston-Salem/ Blowing Rock in the summer.

1978 **Joyce Moyer Hostetter** received the 2007 Children's Book Award presented by the International Reading Association. Her book, "Blue," won the intermediate fiction category. The award was presented in May at the International Reading Association's 52nd annual convention in Toronto.

1979 **Christina Reaux Tregoning** is currently a teacher for Montgomery County Schools in Rockville, Md.

1980 **Jane Bettis Hoke** has retired from teaching and is now working with her husband of 27 years, Ray, in the family business. Hoke Enterprises is an unlimited licensed general contractor. They have a new grandson, Casey Ray Greene.

1984 Greg and **Dianne Schelberg Travis** have lived in Meridian, Miss., for 12 years. Dianne has been with Community Bank for seven years and Greg is the chief pilot for Peavey Electronics. Dianne currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Junior Miss Program.

1986 **Kay Ledbetter Willis** of Hickory recently completed service as the 2006-2007 Rho State president and Psi Conclave president of Kappa Kappa Iota Educational Organization. She is representing North Carolina at the 2007 National Convention in Palm Springs, Calif.

Baby Bears

To **Jeff** and **Gina Mayes '88 Harris**, a son, John Patrick, on March 25. Big sister, Anna, is very excited to have a little brother.

1990 **Joy Sigmon Lowry** has joined the medical staff as a pediatrician at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory. She received her medical degree from East Carolina University in 1994 and completed her residency at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

William R. Rhyne has been accepted to The Executive Program (TEP), a four-week intensive program at the University of Virginia Darden Business School. TEP was ranked the No. 1 senior management program by Financial Times magazine in 2005.

Baby Bears

To Deron and **Jennifer Joines Bumgarner** of Newton, a daughter, Emily Marie, on March 6, 2006. Jennifer is an administrative assistant at Comez North America Ltd. in Hickory.

1991 **Lonnia Hoyle Beam** completed her master's in school administration from Gardner-Webb University in December 2005. She was named assistant principal at Costner Elementary School in June 2006. She and her family reside in Cherryville, N.C.

Baby Bears

To Tiffany and **David Herlong** of Columbia, S.C., a son, Caleb Dawson, on Jan. 9.

To Amy and **Michael McGhinnis**, a son, Andrew Sean "Drew," on April 24. Drew joins his older brother, Jack.

1992 **Julie Stokes Pruett** graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. She is currently with the Catawba County Economic Development Corp.

Baby Bears

To **Lin** and **Minette Bushong '93 Pugh** of Indianapolis, Ind., their first child, a son, William Luke, on April 4.

To Mike and **Kristen Zimmerman Skonieczny**, a son, Ethan James, on Aug. 4, 2006. Ethan has a big sister, Ella, 3. The family lives in Falls Church, Va.

1994

Baby Bears

To Aaron and **Kimberley Jhugdeo Hughes** of Hickory, a son, Joshua Kyle, on Feb. 18. He was welcomed by big brother, Nathanael, 3. Kimberley is a banker assistant at First Citizens Bank, Hickory. Aaron is a branch manager at Bank of Granite in Mountain View.

To Alan and **Anne Weeks Spell** of Lewisville, N.C., a son, Patrick

Dr. Wayne Powell **(center), college president, welcomes *Jeff Cook '77* (left) and *Jim Emery* to the L-R campus. Cook, who was recently named president of Broyhill Furniture Industries Inc., brought a group of his employees to L-R for a day and a half workshop on branding. Emery, president of Viewfinder Consulting, served as facilitator as Broyhill employees developed a brand positioning strategy and brand-building solutions.**

Thomas "Tommy" Laurendine '91 **was recently inducted into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame.**

He attended Appalachian State University for two years before transferring to Lenoir-Rhyne. He was a two-time South Atlantic Conference Offensive Player of the Year after leading the Lenoir-Rhyne College football team as a standout quarterback.

Laurendine threw for 4,064 yards in two seasons with the Bears, which ranks fifth in college history. His career completion percentage of 58.3 percent remains a school record, as does his single-season record of 2,409 yards of total offense. He was the 1988 and 1989 SAC Player of the Year and was also a finalist for the Domino's National Player of the Year.

After graduating from Lenoir-Rhyne, Laurendine has been a successful football coach at the high school and college level. He currently is the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at the University of West Georgia, where he helped organize a chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He and his wife, *Shawna*, have two daughters, *Lexie* and *Lakin*.

Alumni Weekend 2007

Members of the Class of 1947 who gathered for a reunion during Alumni Weekend included (front row, left to right) ***Margaret Correll Edwards***, ***Aileen Taylor***, ***Frankie Sipe Moose***, ***June Hollar Starr***, ***Margaret Vedden Bost*** and ***Rachel Wagner***. On the back row are ***Evelyn Moser Jarrett***, ***Gilmer Boggs*** and ***Ralph Eckard***.

Dr. Wayne Powell, left, college president, accepts the Class of '57 class gift from ***Boyce Whitener***. Class members raised more than $60,000 for their 50th reunion gift to the college.

Members of the Class of 1962 enjoy their reunion.

Donna and ***John Sieverts '67*** enjoy the Class of 1967 reunion.

Members of the Golden Bears renew friendships during their annual reunion.

The Friends of Music Concert Series
Enjoy these outstanding musicians!

Concert Series Regional Artist

LeNoir Saxophone Ensemble

Friday, Sept. 21, 2007
8 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Ascension

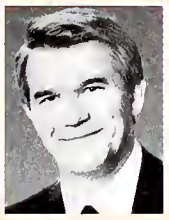
Our season opens with this regional favorite. The program will feature the works of French composers from two centuries.

Joint presentation with the L-R Visiting Writers Series

Sacha, Duchess of Abercorn

John Cheek, Baritone-Bass, (N.Y. Metropolitan Opera) and **John Cheek**, piano, (L-R Faculty)

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007
8 p.m., Belk Centrum



In conjunction with the Visiting Writer's Series, N.Y. Metropolitan opera principal John Cheek joins L-RC Professor John Cheek for an evening of poetry and song. Sacha, Duchess of Abercorn, will read poetry during the first half of the evening. Then Mssrs. Cheek will perform songs based on poetry by Pushkin, who is the great-great grandfather of the duchess.

Lark String Quartet

Friday, Oct. 12, 2007
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

Winners of the prestigious Naumburg and Shostakovich chamber music awards, Lark has been acclaimed by audiences and critics around the world for more than 20 years. This performance will be a special tribute to Hickory Community Concerts.

Blakemore Trio

Friday, Jan. 18, 2008
8 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Ascension

This piano trio is made up of faculty members at Vanderbilt's prestigious Blair School of Music.

Dale Fielder Quartet (Jazz)

Friday, Feb. 1, 2008
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

Dale Fielder's originality has earned him a position in the front ranks of saxophonists. He is a musician who has developed his own very personal and original voice.

St. Louis Brass Quintet

Sunday, April 6, 2008
4 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

The St. Louis Brass Quintet is made up of veteran players from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and many other great ensembles. They perform the entire spectrum of great music for brass instruments.

Visiting Writers Series: In Their Own Words
Don't miss these exciting authors!

Thomas Rain Crowe, essayist and poet with his world-music band, **The Boat Rockers**

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

Sacha, Duchess of Abercorn, Irish poet with Russian roots, along with **John Cheek** of the N.Y. Metropolitan Opera and **Dr. John Cheek**, Lenoir-Rhyne associate professor of music, performing Russian songs

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007
8 p.m., Belk Centrum

Walter Isaacson, biographer, live interview for WFAE's "Charlotte Talks"

Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

Frank McCourt, autobiographer

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

Tracy Kidder, journalist

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

Mark Powell, Visiting Writer-in-Residence, novelist

February 7, 2008
8 p.m., Belk Centrum

Jane Smiley, novelist

Thursday, March 13, 2008
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

The Little Read

John Scieszka, children's author

Saturday, April 12, 2008
Noon, P.E. Monroe Auditorium

The Little Read is a county-wide reading initiative presented this year by the Lenoir-Rhyne Visiting Writers Series: In Their Own Words, the Lenoir-Rhyne School of Education and the Catawba County School System. The Little Read is funded by a generous grant from the family of Ron and Sandra Deal in memory of their daughter Sara Catherine Deal Temple.

The BIG Read

This year, The BIG Read will encourage area residents to read and discuss the book "The Bridge" by Doug Marlette. Due to the unexpected death of the author, the culminating event this spring will be announced later.

The BIG Read is a county-wide reading initiative sponsored by the Catawba County Library System, Catawba Valley Community College, Hickory Public Library and Lenoir-Rhyne College. The Catawba County Library System is the lead agency.

CALENDAR

AUGUST

30 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Virginia Union University football game
7 p.m., Moretz Stadium. $

SEPTEMBER

8 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Appalachian State University football game
3:30 p.m., Kidd Brewer Stadium, Boone, N.C.
For ticket information, contact Cindy Moser at 828-328-7130 or moserc.@lrc.edu. $

13 Visiting Writer Thomas Rain Crowe, essayist and poet with his world-music band, The Boat Rockers
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium.

15 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Davidson College football game
1 p.m., Davidson College. $

21 LeNoir Saxophone Ensemble
8 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Ascension

22 Family Weekend
Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Benedict College football game
7 p.m., Moretz Stadium. $

27 Visiting Writer the Duchess of Abercorn, Irish poet with Russian roots, with John Cheek of the N.Y. Metropolitan Opera and Lenoir-Rhyne's John Cheek performing Russian songs
8 p.m., Belk Centrum.

28 Books and Brushes evening gala with local artists. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rudisill Library and proceeds benefit the library. $

29 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Brevard College football game
7 p.m., Moretz Stadium. $

OCTOBER

6 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Tusculum College football game
1:30 p.m., Greeneville, Tenn. $

11 Business Council Fall Forum Luncheon, guest speaker Walter Isaacson
11:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Select. $

Visiting Writer Walter Isaacson, biographer, in a tape-delayed interview for WFAE's "Charlotte Talks"
8 p.m., P. E. Monroe Auditorium.

12 Lark Quartet
8 p.m., P. E. Monroe Auditorium.

13 Homecoming '07
Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Wingate University football game
2 p.m., Moretz Stadium $

20 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Carson-Newman football game
7 p.m., Moretz Stadium. $

26 Aquinas-Luther Conference
various times and locations at Lenoir-Rhyne College $

27 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Mars Hill College
2:30 p.m., Mars Hill $

26-28 A Cappella Choir Fall Tour,
various locations and times

NOVEMBER

1 Visiting Writer Frank McCourt, autobiographer
8 p.m., P.E Monroe Auditorium

3 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Newberry College football game
2 p.m., Moretz Stadium. $

9 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill basketball exhibition game
7:30 p.m., Dean Smith Basketball Arena, Chapel Hill $

10 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Catawba College football game
1:30 p.m., Salisbury, N.C. $

15 Concert Band Fall Concert,
7:30 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium.

18 Lenoir-Rhyne College Youth Chorus Fall Concert
4 p.m., location TBD.

29 Visiting Writer Tracy Kidder, journalist
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

DECEMBER

3-4 Christmas at Lenoir-Rhyne Concert
7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory.

Note: All events are subject to change. For the latest information, visit the Lenoir-Rhyne Web site at www.lrc.edu/events, or contact the appropriate person listed below.

$ indicates there is a charge for this event. All other events are free.

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For information about the Visiting Writers, contact *Dr. Rand Brandes* at 828-328-7207 or brandes@lrc.edu.

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